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Barrett McGurn came to see me this morning and we talked about the usual EDC dilemmas.

Thomas Schreyer, Fugitt of General Donovan's organization (who has cultivated and brought to full expression a fine Renaissance beard), and Hunt came to see me. We discussed various aspects of newspaper reporting and propaganda in connection with European integration.

Mr. Ophuls, the Legal Adviser of the German Delegation, called on me and we went over some of the points which undoubtedly are now being disputed between Adenauer and Bidault. Adenauer arrived at nine o'clock this morning and expects to confer with Bidault until shortly after midday, when he will take off for Greece.

I stopped in for a moment to see Monsieur Tardieu, who is engaged in liquidating the stock of my print dealer friends Neuville, Vivien and Co. He has shifted his activities to the third floor of their building on Place Beauvau. It was very pleasant to be back in this atmosphere again and I picked up a couple of prints, more out of sentiment than desire.

We spent the afternoon communicating back and forth between the German Embassy and our own Embassy in preparation for cables [illegible] bing what had passed in the Franco-German conversations this morning on [illegible] The paper given to me last night outlining the French position injec[illegible]lty into any negotiations for a possible settlement. The French have [illegible]adly the concessions made by the Germans but have to date been largely [illegible]nsive in making even minor retreats from their own forward established positions.

The mystery as to whether or not the French Government intends to provoke a debate on EDC before the Easter holidays remains unsolved. However, I still believe a Saar agreement can be reached but this time it will be the French who will have to moderate their attitude, for the Germans have given way fairly generally

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all along the line. Many technical details are involved, and we are doing our best to make an analysis between the viewpoints expressed by the French, the Germans, and the Council of Europe. Furthermore, the Embassy and ourselves must concert a policy of our own in respect to a Saar settlement. My immediate inclination is, until tomorrow, not to have conversations on this subject with any of the French officials.

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